IS THERE ANYBODY HOME?

THIS EDITION 2 CENTS

SIXTY-ONE YEARS **AGO TOPEKA WAS** PLACED ON MAP

Old Settlers' Association in Celebration Today.

All Pay Tribute to the Wonderful Growth of City.

UP THE RIVER BY STEAMBOAT

Emigrants Came to Town Among Friendly Indians.

Interesting Reminiscences Told by Early Day Residents.

Years ago-sixty-one to be exact Col. Cyrus K. Holliday, F. W. Giles, Daniel H. Horne, George Davis, Enoch Chase and M. C. Holliday founded To-Today the Old Settlers' asso-on celebrated Topeka's sixty-first birthday anniversary. There were no sounding of trumpets or elaborate ceremonies but every one of the 200 old ettlers paid tribute, in memory, to splendid growth of the city. all day meeting of the old settlers was held in the First Presbyterian church. "The first settlers came through our

Sends Cereal Skyward.

Raises Price to Record.

Pittsburg, Kan., Dec. 4.—James Jenkins, of Cherokee, Kan., 21 years old, died in a hospital at Girard, at noon today, from wounds inflicted by his uncle, Jefferson Holt, a farmer living eight miles west of Pittsburg.

The men were at the Holt home this morning about 2 o'clock with several other men. All had been hunting. Jenkins and Holt quarreled and Holt shot his nephew with a shotgun.

Holt is in jail at Girard.

GERMANY SEEKS PEACE THROUGH PAPAL SESSION

Rome, Dec. 4.—Germany already has made informal suggestions look-ing toward the establishment of peace through the papal consistory next Monday, according to reports current here today.

Cardinal Hartmann, of Cologne, is said to have brought to the vatican the proposal that Germany will evacuate Belgium and north-ern France and agree to an auto-nomous government for Poland, if nomous government for Poland, if the vatican will make a determined effort at the present time to bring about peace.

Cardinals representing the allied countries, particularly Cardinal Gaspuet of France and Cardinal Bourne of England, are said to have been sounded out with this proposal. It is understood they resulted that Germany's enemies Bourne of England, are said to have been sounded out with this proposal. It is understood they re-plied that Germany's enemies would not accept half measures in any program of peace.

Pope Benedict is understood to Pope Benedict is understood to be receiving representatives of all the interested countries before completing the allocution he will deliver at the private consistory Monday. From each he is be-lieved to be drawing the attitude of his country toward an early peace.

Children Die as STATE TO ASK Greece Pauses Before Leap

Athens, Dec. 4.—Public opinion is veering toward the fullest ac-ceptance of the demands of the

entente of the centains of the entente powers.

While the government is hesi-tating in framing its reply, thou-sands of refugees are arriving at Florina after tramping through deep snow from Monastir. All deep snow from Monastir. All buildings are crowded and hun-dreds are withour shelter. Chiln are dying from hunger and

exposure.

The municipal treasury has been emptied and appeals for aid have been made to Athens.

Princess Demidoff is expected to head the relief work at Saloniki.

Grecian Macedonia to Allies.

London, Dec. 4.—"Virtually the whole of Grecian Macedonia has been handed over to the allies as a war base," says the Berlin Tageblatt, as quoted in a Copen (Continued on Page 2.)

KILLED WITH A GUN

A. M. Gallagher, 7 Miles West of Topeka, Shot Accidentally.

Dairyman Out Hunting With His Son This Afternoon.

HEAVY BAIL OF

Prosecution to Demand Bonds Aggregating \$10,530,000.

Nearly 7,000 Counts Directed Against Each Defendant.

TRIBUTE LEVIED, HALF MILLION

Long Rule of Lawlessness; Property Rights Outraged.

Blackmail and Extortion Reduced to Fine System.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Twenty-six of the fifty-four men named in the forty-six labor extortion and conspiracy indictments returned last night were granted a reduction in ball today by Judge Richard Burke, in the criminal court, to \$2,500 on each indictment in place of the \$195,000 ball, demanded by the state. The bond ruling was regarded as a victory for the defendants, as the state had asked that the men be held in jail if they could not furnish the \$195,000 ball demanded.

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"The first Settlers came through our place December 3, 1854," said Freeman Sardou, who came to Kansas August 28, 1854. "I remember them well. There was no Topeka then and everybody thought that Tecumseh or Lecompton would be the metropolis of Kansas. The first building in Topeka was the log hut built near the site of the Davis Mercantile company building.

"Indians and timber were about all that was here when we came. Mary Ward and Mrs. J. M. Meade, who had been sent by the government to teach farming to the Indians were here when we came. I guess they are the oldest old timers in Topeka now.

"Most of the emigrants came up the river by steamboat. The boats were running as far up the river as Manhattsn.

"I remember the first time we had over the Kaw. It was a pile bridge and was built in 1887. Helliday and Countined on Page 21.

JUMP FR. FLORENCE DIES BUSINESS BOOMS

Big Buying by Grain Houses Aged Salvation Army Worker Week Ending Today Busiest Passed Away Today.

Army in Topeka.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Wheat prices made an extraordinary upward jump today just before the close. Under the impetua of immense buying on the part of big houses, the market gained more than six cents a bushel, in some cases, as compared with prices earlier in the day.

The close was excited at virtually the teomost level of the session, 2.5-69 3 to 549 above yesterday's finish, and with December at \$1.165, and May at \$1.164.

Reports that Canada wheat could only be sold to Great Britiain were circulated, and the market was also builebilly affected by Philiadelphia reports for an immense foreign business in flour and wheat.

Prices reached here previous to the windup for the day were the highest attained so far on this season's crop.

Rumors of a foreign government order for wheat accompanied the big advance.

Robert Florence, better known as Tather' Florence and for years a familiar figure in the local Salvation Army circles, died at his home, corner Fourth and Watson streets, shortly Further Florence, who was \$1 years of age was higher noon this morning. "Father" Florence and for years a familiar figure in the local Salvation from the salvation streets.

For the past twenty years "Father" Florence has been associated with the local branch of The Salvation Army ball bank and spent the first forty years of his life in his circ the past twenty for the day were the highest attained so far on this season's crop.

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 4 .- Through washington, B. C., Dec. 4.—Through a careful study of the postoffice department records made by the correspondent of the Topeka State Journal it has been disclosed that fortynine perfectly good Republican postmasters of Kansas holding Jobs of the postdantal class have not as the esidential class have not as yet en succeeded by Democratic ap-

"holdovers" were appointed These "holdovers" were appointed under the McKinley. Roosevelt and Taft administrations, and undoubtedly because of their efficiency, have succeeded in drawing their monthly pay regularly without being molested since March 4, 1912, when the Democrats came into power.

These "unique government officials" include the postmasters at the following offices:

Alta Vista, Arcadia, Axtell, Barnard, Baxter Springs, Belle Plaine, Belle-

Alta Vista, Arcadia, Axtell, Barnard, Baxter Springs, Belle Plaine, Belleville, Burr Oak, Burrton, Caney, Chapman, Clearwater, Colby, Coldwater Columbus, Elk City, Ellinwood, Ellis Esbon, Fort Riley, Galena, Girard, Glasco, Greenieaf, Hays, Jewell, Lakin, Lansing, Larned, Lenora, LeRoy, Lewis, Longton, Moline, Mulberry, Mullinville, Mulvane, Norcatur, Paola, Plains, Pleasanton, Preston, Quinter, Republic, Sabetha, Saint Paui, Sedgwick, Stockton and Turon, Atchison Pioneer Dead.

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Atchison, Kan., Dec. 4.—Mrs. Sarah Brown, aged 79 years, widow of the lait J. P. Brown, a wealthy railiway contractor died here last night. She had been a resident of Atchison 56 years, was one of the city's richest women and a leader in charity work

Known in Long Time. Report of Great Foreign Order He Was the Organizer of the Bradstreet's Trade Review Is

Teeming With Optimism.

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Kansas Republicans Are Able to Hold

Down Perfectly Good Postoffice Positions.

Convict Red, Who Escaped Federal
Campaign on Part of Cities to Capture
National Conventions Pressed as He Invades Farmer's Kitchen.

er's kitchen in search of food. He was delivered to the deputy marshal and taken on to the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., to serve a sentence imposed upon him at Helena, Mont.

Steamers Middleton and Clan Macleod

St. Joseph. Mo., Dec. 4.—Fred Big
Top, the Indian convict who escaped
from a federal officer, yesterday, by
jumping from a Burlington train,
near here, was captured by a farmer

Washington, Dec. 4.—The campaign
on the part of various cities to capture
the coming Democratic and Republican national conventions was given near Oregon, Mo.

The Indian had entered the farmday of the vanguard of delegations
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BRITISH LOSE TWO MORE

Will fine thext research and the Republican committee a week later to
select convention cities. Efforts of
representatives of the contesting cities
will, for the present, be directed mainity to inducing the Democratic committee to hold the national convention in their city.

Dailas, San Francisco, Chicago and

Are Sent to Bottom of Mediter-ranean by German Plungers.

St. Louis are conducting lively cam-paigns to be selected as convention cities.

MOTOR CAR CRAZY JANE ADDAMS SENDS W. F. Benson Tells What's the

TO FORD PEACE PARTY Matter With Kansas. Chicago, Dec. 4.—Jane Addams of Hull House today sent a message of Godspeed to the departing Ford peace delegates.

Miss Addams, who was to have been a member of the party, was stricken early in the week and sent to the Presbyterian hospital following a hemorrhage. She was reported resting well today.

The question of an operation will be discussed today, after physicians examine X-ray photographs.

People Buy Too Many Autos, Bank Commissioner Says.

FARMERS THE WORST SINNERS

Should Get Manure Spreaders Instead of Buzz Wagons.

"Apparently the week has been the busiest in a long time. Activity in trade as well as in leading industries is unabated—is more marked in fact, than heretofore. Jobbers, wholesale dealers, retailers, manufacturers and bankers are a unit in representing activity and sold up for months to come is the condition of numerous industries.

"Complaints spring from inability to get supplies and from chagrin at not having bought at lower price levels than now prevail, rather than from lack of demand. Of course, colder weather over a wide area, with holiday buying, tends to accentuate activity and to testify to the increased purchasing power of the masses, thanks to widespread employment at relatively high wages.

"Incidentaily, the steady demands being made for immediate shipment corroborate reports as to depleted stocks—a widespread condition. Intellective gold."

A DAY OF REVELRY MESSAGE OF GODSPEED

Panama-Pacific Exposition Is Closing Its Gates Today.

Farewell of Song and Dance to

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WAR STRIKE IS ENDED

Eighteen Hundred Workmen Return to Jobs at Auto Body Making Plant at Cleveland.

Cleveland, Dec. 4.—The strike of 1,800 workmen chiefly Hungarians, at the war order auto body plant of Theodor Kundtz, in progress several weeks, was settled today.

EVENDED CACOLINE IID

British are reported to have lost 4,500 men. Apparently, the Turks have been heavily reinforced and able to put a stop, for the time at least, to the advance of British forces on the historic city.

From German sources comes

From German sources comes the report that Greece has virtu-

ally turned over Grecian Mace-donia as a base of operations to the entente allies, besides giving

them free use of the railway and then free use of the railway and the harbors on the Aegean sea, including Kavala, According to an Athens dis-patch Scebian soldiers who fell back into Greek territory after

Monascir was evacuated were not disarmed, but were treated with

Debarkation of additional Beit-

Teutonic troops engaging scat-tered Serbian detachments con-tinue to round up straggiers. Berlin today reports the capture of more than 2,000 additional prisoners in mountain fighting. A British official statement ad-mits the British army in Meso-potamia is in retreat down the Tigris to Kut-El-Amaca, about 105 miles south of Bagdad. The British are reported to have lost

curred in 1992 when the reading was 8 degrees.

The wind shifted to the southeast today. The velocity was ten miles an hour. Tomorrow will be a warm windy day, according to the weather

PECULIAR FACTS RELATED ABOUT WELL-KNOWN FOLK.

Debarkation of additional British forces at Saloniki is reported through London. A wireless dispatch from Berlin denies rumors that Germany is contemplating peace proposals.

The report that Emperor William is to visit Constantinople is also denied.

London has a report, which lacks confirmation, that twelve miles of German trenches have been taken by the Russians along the road to Tukum, west of Riga. Crawfordsville, Ind., Dec. 4. Crawfordsville, Ind., Dec. 4.— Everything, even to the slightest scrap of paper, is just as General Lew Wallace, author of Ben Hur-left it in the little stone library set apart and hidden away in his rambling, stone-walled old forest of a place here.

in Ship Plot

New York, Dec. 4.—Dr. Karl Buenz, George Kotter and Adolph Hachweister, of the Hamburg-American line, recently convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States government, were United States government, were sentenced today to serve one and a half years in the federal prison at Atlanta. Joseph Poppinhaus was sentenced to one year. The Hamburg-American line was fined one dollar.

All the defendants were admitted to ball pending the sains out of a writ of error in their behalf.

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Ball was fixed at \$10,000 in each case, and was accepted from surety company.

Sentence was pronounced after Judge Howe had overruled mo-tions by William Rand, Jr., chief counsel for the defense, for dis-missal of the verdict, on the ground that it was contrary to the evidence and law in the case.

WILSON PLAN WON

Democratic Nominations for Committees Assure Support.

Defense Program Has Big Navy Men Back of It.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Demogratic nominations for house committees an nounced today and which will be laid before the house Monday assure sup-port for President Wilson's national defense program. efense program. Republicans on the committees will

Republicans on the committees will be announced later. Five or six new members of the naval committee are "big mavy" men Oscar Callaway, of Texus, named to succeed the late Representative-Witherspoon, of Mississippi, is opposed to any material increase in the navy. Witherspoon was of the same conviction and the naming of Calloway was in recognition of how Witherspoon would have voted if he had returned to congress.

and returned to congress.

The new members of the military The new members of the military affairs committee are said to be unanimously in favor of a larger army. Claude Kitchin, chairman of the ways and means committee, is epposed to the program of preparedness, but he said today he was satisfied with the personhel of the committees. No opposition developed to Kitchin's continuing to head the ways and means committee.

These are the Democratic designs—

These are the Democratic designa-tions to the army and navy commit-

Chicago. Dec. 4.—Fifty-four new central A. A. U. records were made in the season of 1915, according to a list approved today by the central ce

Today is one of the finest days Topeka has seen this winter. The temperature last night went to 27 degrees but there was little wind and the night was pleasant. There is a good chance for a fair Sunday tomorrow. The forecast promises fair weather tonight and probably Sunday, higher temperatures tonight. The mercury will drop barely to the freezing mark.

The shippers forecust indicates temperatures for 24 to 25-hour shipments as follows: North and west, 25 to 36 degrees: south and east, above freezing. The wind this morning was in the north but the velocity was only six miles an hour.

The Kaw river dropped .1 of a foot since Friday morning, making the stage \$1. feet. The highest temperature ever recorded on this date was \$5 degrees.

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CHICAGOAN DENIES HE IS MIXED IN GALT LETTERS

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Samuel C. Osborne, a Chicago manufacturer, today stated he was not in any way responsible for the activities of today stated he was not in any way responsible for the activities of Samuel White, recently arrested in New York charged with writing insulting letters to Mrs. Edith B. Galt, President Wilson's flancee.

White told the police, after his arrest, that he wrote the first letter for a Samuel Osborne of Chicago, who today stated he did not know the man, had never seen him and was in no way responsible for any correspondence that White may have had.

Hamburg Men MOVING PICTURE Sent to Prison MENHAVE PLACE

Magazine and Newspaper Writers Swell Ships' Personnel.

Only One Governor Accepts Invitation of Manufacturer.

GREAT NEUTRAL MEET AT HAGUE

Bryan Thinks He Can Do More Good by Staying Home.

Kansas, Nebraska and Other State Schools Represented.

New York, Dec. 4 .- With bands playing and hundreds on shore cheering, the peace ship Oscar II, bearing Henry Ford and his peace delegates to Europe, swung out from her pier at Hoboken at 2:15 this afternoon and headed down the bay.

New York, Dec. 4.—Henry Ford's passport is good only for neutral European countries, but he is going to visit the belligerents nevertheless.

"I shall assert my rights as an American citizen," he said, on the verge of his peace ship's departure.

parture.
"My tour will include all the warring nations," he added. Specifically, he mentioned England and France. In the former country, he explained, he intends opening a new factory at South-ampton.

ampton.

"But your passports are not made out to these countries," It was pointed out to him.

"I don't care," he answered.
"I am going any way. My last word to America," he concluded, "is everyone try for peace; down with preparedness."

New York, Dec. 4 .- Members of the eace expedition organized and fiof creating a conference of representatives of neutral nations in the hope of ending the war, began to assemble today at Hoboken on board the Scandivian-American line steamship Oscar II. One hundred and forty names are 11. One hundred and forty names are on the list as Mr. Ford's guests. There are eighty-three peace envoys, fifty-four newspaper and magazine corre-spondents, and three moving picture men. For their use Mr. Ford char-tered the entire first and second cabins of the stamer.

of the steamer.

The Oscar II is due to sail at 2 p. m. She should arrive at Christiania, Norway, her first stop, about December 14. Thence the party is to proceed to Stockholm, Copenhagen and The Hague. It is proposed to hold the peace conference at The Hague.

Hanna Only Governor to Go. For several days Mr. Ford has main-(Continued on Page 2.)

U. S. SCHOONER IS SUNK

C. Damenski Lost in Crash With Spanish Vessel Off

New York, Dec. 4 .- The American schooner Linah C. Damenski was sunk

off Cape Hatteras today in a collision Harry Hebner Set Twelve New Water fredo, according to a wireless from the Spanish steamship transmitted to the Marconi wireless station at Miami,

WILSON AND FIANCEE ARE TO BE MARRIED ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Washington, Dec. 4.—President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt will be married on Saturday, Decem-ber 18, at Mrs. Galt's home here, according to a formal announce-ment made today at the White House,

It was also announced the only guests would be Mrs. Galt's moth-er, her brothers and sisters, the president's brother and sister, his daughters and the members of his immediate household. No invitations will be issued.

No announcement was made re-garding plans for a honeymoon, but it was expected the president and his bride will leave Washington soon after the ceremony for some-where in the south.

While no anouncement was made of the hour of the ceremony, it was understood it will be late in the afternoon. The Rev. Sylvester Beach, the president's pastor in Princeton, and the Rev. Herbert Scott Smith, rector of Mrs. Galt's church, here, are expected to officiate.

church, here, are expected to officiate.

The formal announcement of the
plans was written out by the president himself this morning. Immediately afterward be left the
White House to visit Mrs. Galt.
Both have agreed that all the deturks shall be as simple as possible.
It has been intimated to the diplemats who have made inquirles
at the state department that no display in connection with the wedding is desired. Despite that it is
expected many officials and admirers of the president will send gifts.